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Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 019 - 03055 - 5700 - 053	Date: 12/20/19	Time: 2331	
Location: 11705 South Alameda Street	City or Station: Lynwood		
Bureau/Station/Facility: Century Regional Detention Facility	Admin. Investigation: ○ YES ◉ NO		
Type of Force: Take Down, Control Holds, Resistive Handcuffing			
Incident Category: ○1 ○2 ◉3	Deputy Injury: ◉ YES ○ NO	Suspect Injury ◉ YES ○ NO	
☐ Call	☒ Observation	☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: ◉ YES ○ NO	Person Notified: Jones II, Robert	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out ◉ YES ○ NO

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]	Rank: DSG		
Sex: [redacted]	Race: [redacted]	Height: [redacted]	Weight: [redacted]	Age: [redacted]	Shift: [redacted]	
Unit of Assignment: [redacted]	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): [redacted]					
Individual Force Used: Take Down, Control Holds, Resistive Handcuffing	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3				
☒ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility: Concentra Occupational Health Urgent Care	Coroner Case #				

E 2

Employee #: [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]	Rank: [redacted]		
Sex: ○ M ◉ F	Race: O	Height: 502	Weight: 126	Age: [redacted]	Shift: ◉ EM ○ Day ○ PM	◉ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment: Century Regional Detention Facility	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 3200 Module Deputy					
Individual Force Used: Take Down , Control Holds	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category ○1 ◉2 ○3				
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility:	Coroner Case #				

E _

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank		
Sex: ○ M ○ F	Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:	Shift: ○ EM ○ Day ○ PM	○ Regular Shift ○ OT Shift ○ Off Duty
Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):					
Individual Force Used:	○ Directed ○ Rescue ○ Medical Assist	Individual Category ○1 ○2 ○3				
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Facility:	Coroner Case #				

On Duty Supervisor

☐ Additional Involved Employees

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Anda	Lorraine		Sgt	YES ◉ NO ○	YES ○ NO ◉

Supervisor Completing Investigation

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Morales	Joseph	P.	Sgt	YES ○ NO ◉	YES ○ NO ◉

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
[redacted]	Gutierrez	John		Sgt

[signature] 3-23-20

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's **Signature:** Date Copy Provided to Employee by: Emp #: [redacted]

William E. Jaeger

Unit Commander **(Print Name)** Unit Commander's **Signature**: Emp #: Date

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☐ PPI REVIEW COMPLETED

Original: Discovery Unit
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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select
Novoa	Rachel	Lorraine	Not Armed

AKA Last Name: Doe | First Name: Jane | Middle Name: One

Sex	Race	Age	Height	Weight	D.O.B.	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ◉ Female	H	34	411	120	09/26/85	[redacted]	[redacted]

Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Booking #: 5818451 | Primary Charge Code: 245.3 PC | Secondary Charge Code: | [redacted] Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ◉ YES ○ NO | Name: CRDF Medical Clinic | Unit: | Phone #: (323) 568-4617

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: LAC+USC | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☒ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: Dr. Aponte, E | Address: 2051 Marengo Street, Los Angeles CA | Phone #: (323) 409-1000

Under Influence: ○ YES ◉ NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ◉ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: 12/21/19 | Time: 0700 | ☒ Audiotape: | ☒ Videotape: | ☒ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ○ Female							

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Armed? Select

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex	Race	Age	Height	D.O.B.	Weight	Phone #1: ○ H ○ W ○ C	Phone #2: ○ H ○ W ○ C
○ Male ○ Female							

Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | ☐ Criminal History

Treated on Scene? ○ YES ○ NO | By: | Unit: | Phone #:

Hospital Admission? ☐ | Rec'd Treatment At: | Coroner Case #: | Mental History ☐ User's guide provides direction on this entry

By: | Address: | Phone #:

Under Influence: ○ YES ○ NO | Substance: | 5150 a factor in force? ○ YES ○ NO User's guide provides direction on this entry

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | ☐ Audiotape: | ☐ Videotape: | ☐ Photos of Injuries: | ☐ ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS

☐ **Additional Suspects Involved**

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Unit of Assignment	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.)	Shift	Status
[redacted]	Chevalier	Amanda	R.	CRDF	3100 Module Deputy	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(●) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty
[redacted]	Samaniego Sevilla	Perla	G.	CRDF	1300 Safety Check Deputy	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular (●) OT ( ) Off Duty
[redacted]	Villarreal	Manuel	J.	CRDF	2400 Safety Check Deputy	(●) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular (●) OT ( ) Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	43	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	23	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	20	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	20	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]

☐ Additional Witness

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION - Continuation

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Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Caldera	Benjamin	J.

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
CRDF	Module 1400 Safety Check	(•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular (•) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Anda	Lorraine	NMN

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
CRDF	Booking Sergeant	(•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	( ) Regular (•) OT ( ) Off Duty

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Hu	Xianbo	NMN

Unit of Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	Shift:	
CRDF	Nursing Attendant II	(•) EM ( ) Day ( ) PM	(•) Regular ( ) OT ( ) Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.

Street Address	City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(RO) Restraint Device (Other)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(IR) Less Lethal Impact Round (other)
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative
(HR) High Risk

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Involved

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Suspect Novoa	S1	Deputy [redacted]	E1	OO	CP	FA
Deputy [redacted]	E1	Suspect Novoa	S1	CT	NN	AR
Deputy [redacted]	E2	Suspect Novoa	S1	CT	NN	NK
Suspect Novoa	S1	Deputy [redacted]	E1	RS	NN	
Suspect Novoa	S1	Deputy [redacted]	E1	PK	NN	GR
Suspect Novoa	S1	Deputy [redacted]	E2	RS	NN	
Deputy [redacted]	E1	Suspect Novoa	S1	TT	NN	
Deputy [redacted]	E2	Suspect Novoa	S1	TT	NN	
Suspect Novoa	S1	Deputy [redacted]	E1	RS	NN	
Suspect Novoa	S1	Deputy [redacted]	E2	RS	NN	
Deputy [redacted]	E1	Suspect Novoa	S1	CT	FR	AR

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:	**Category 3 Use of Force**
IAB FILE NUMBER:	**FO 2500343**
DIVISION / UNIT:	**Custody Services / Century Regional Detention Facility**
DATE / TIME:	**December 20, 2019, 2331 hours**
LOCATION:	**Century Regional Detention Facility, Module 3200**
SUSPECT:	**Rachel Novoa, FH/34, DOB 09/26/85**
INVOLVED PERSONNEL:	**Deputy [redacted]** **Deputy [redacted]**

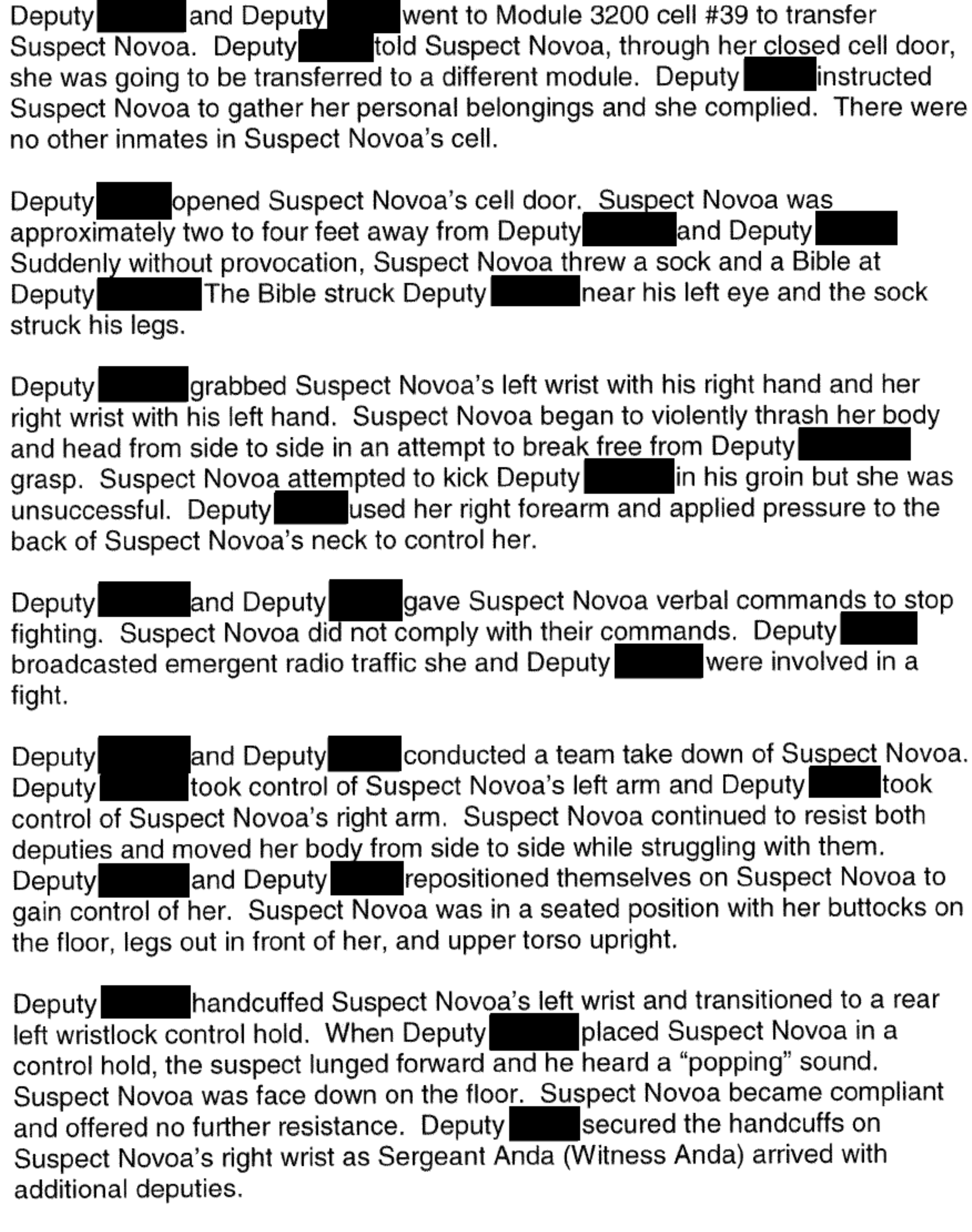
SYNOPSIS

On December 21, 2019, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) team comprised of Lieutenant Robert Jones II, #[redacted] Sergeants Joseph Morales, #[redacted] and Shawn O'Donnell, #[redacted] responded to Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) regarding a Category 3 use of force investigation. The use of force resulted in a right cheek facial abrasion, lacerated lower lip, and a humerus break to the left arm of inmate Rachel Novoa (hereinafter referred to as Suspect Novoa). The incident was documented under URN 019-03055-5700-053 **[Exhibit A]**.

SUMMARY

On December 20, 2019, a psychiatric social worker from CRDF generated a movement pass to transfer Suspect Novoa from her medium observation housing (MOH) cell in Module 3200 to a high observation housing (HOH) cell in Module 1400.

> IAB NOTE: **Inmates housed in MOH and HOH locations have been diagnosed with some degree of mental illness.**



Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] went to Module 3200 cell #39 to transfer Suspect Novoa. Deputy [redacted] told Suspect Novoa, through her closed cell door, she was going to be transferred to a different module. Deputy [redacted] instructed Suspect Novoa to gather her personal belongings and she complied. There were no other inmates in Suspect Novoa's cell.

Deputy [redacted] opened Suspect Novoa's cell door. Suspect Novoa was approximately two to four feet away from Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] Suddenly without provocation, Suspect Novoa threw a sock and a Bible at Deputy [redacted] The Bible struck Deputy [redacted] near his left eye and the sock struck his legs.

Deputy [redacted] grabbed Suspect Novoa's left wrist with his right hand and her right wrist with his left hand. Suspect Novoa began to violently thrash her body and head from side to side in an attempt to break free from Deputy [redacted] grasp. Suspect Novoa attempted to kick Deputy [redacted] in his groin but she was unsuccessful. Deputy [redacted] used her right forearm and applied pressure to the back of Suspect Novoa's neck to control her.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] gave Suspect Novoa verbal commands to stop fighting. Suspect Novoa did not comply with their commands. Deputy [redacted] broadcasted emergent radio traffic she and Deputy [redacted] were involved in a fight.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] conducted a team take down of Suspect Novoa. Deputy [redacted] took control of Suspect Novoa's left arm and Deputy [redacted] took control of Suspect Novoa's right arm. Suspect Novoa continued to resist both deputies and moved her body from side to side while struggling with them. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] repositioned themselves on Suspect Novoa to gain control of her. Suspect Novoa was in a seated position with her buttocks on the floor, legs out in front of her, and upper torso upright.

Deputy [redacted] handcuffed Suspect Novoa's left wrist and transitioned to a rear left wristlock control hold. When Deputy [redacted] placed Suspect Novoa in a control hold, the suspect lunged forward and he heard a "popping" sound. Suspect Novoa was face down on the floor. Suspect Novoa became compliant and offered no further resistance. Deputy [redacted] secured the handcuffs on Suspect Novoa's right wrist as Sergeant Anda (Witness Anda) arrived with additional deputies.

Witness Chevalier placed her right shin on Suspect Novoa's left hip and her left hand on Suspect Novoa's back to control her movement. Witness Villarreal applied a Ripp Hobble (hobble) on Suspect Novoa's ankles to secure her legs. Witness Anda directed deputies to place Suspect Novoa in a WRAP restraint device.

IAB NOTE: The WRAP is a restraint device used within Custody Division to secure and transport inmates who have been assaultive [Exhibit I].

Witnesses Chevalier, Samaniego Sevilla, Villareal, and Caldera secured the leg restraints and locking shoulder harness of the WRAP restraint device on Suspect Novoa. Suspect Novoa did not resist during the application of the hobble or the WRAP restraint device.

Suspect Novoa was escorted to the CRDF medical clinic by Sergeant Temi Bass, #[redacted] Deputy Abel Raygoza, #[redacted] and Deputy Avila, #[redacted] for treatment. Suspect Novoa was later transported to LAC+USC Medical Center.

INVESTIGATION

IAB investigators reviewed all written reports authored for the use of force. Involved Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] authored an incident report and a supplemental report **[Exhibits A and B]**. Involved Deputy [redacted] #[redacted] authored a supplemental report **[Exhibit C]**. Witness Deputies Amanda Chevalier, #[redacted] Perla Samaniego Sevilla, #[redacted] Manuel Villarreal, #[redacted] and Benjamin Caldera, #[redacted] authored supplemental reports **[Exhibits D through G]**. Sergeant Lorraine Anda, #[redacted] authored a supplemental report **[Exhibit H]**.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY

[redacted]

Date of Employment:	[redacted]
Date Assigned to Narcotics Bureau:	
Date Completed Custody Training:	
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	

IAB Note: Deputy [redacted] was assigned to [redacted] at the time of the incident and was [redacted] at CRDF.

[redacted]

Date of Employment:	July 25, 2012
Date Assigned to CRDF:	[redacted]
Date Completed Custody Training:	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents:	[redacted]

IAB Note: Deputy [redacted] transferred to [redacted] on [redacted]

IAB Note: **Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] both completed [redacted] at Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF). Per the TTCF Training Unit, deputy training records are purged every two years and the actual custody training completion dates for Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] were unavailable.**

WITNESSES

SWORN WITNESSES

Deputy Amanda Chevalier
Deputy Perla Samaniego Sevilla
Deputy Manuel Villarreal
Deputy Benjamin Caldera
Sergeant Lorraine Anda

CIVILIAN WITNESSES


[redacted]

SUSPECT INFORMATION

NOVOA, RACHEL, FH/34, DOB 09/26/1985, 4'11, 120 LBS., CII # [redacted] MAIN # [redacted] FBI# [redacted]

A check of the Consolidated Criminal History Reporting System/Criminal Information Index (CCHRS/CII) revealed Suspect Novoa had [redacted] at the time of the incident **[Exhibit J]**.

Suspect Novoa was incarcerated at CRDF for possession of a controlled substance at the time of the incident.

INJURIES

Suspect Rachel Novoa was medically evaluated by CRDF Nurse Maria Serrano # [redacted] Suspect Novoa was initially diagnosed with a laceration to her bottom lip, and an abrasion and redness to her right cheek **[Exhibit K]**.

Dr. E. Aponte, LAC+USC Medical Center, diagnosed Suspect Novoa with a humerus break to her left arm **[Exhibit L]**. Dr. Aponte stated Suspect Novoa's

broken arm was a fresh injury and consistent with the deputies reported use of force.

Deputy [redacted] complained of pain to his left eye and received treatment at Concentra Occupational Health Urgent Care.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

IAB investigators recovered and reviewed CRDF closed circuit video surveillance footage of the use of force incident **[Exhibit M]**.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

IAB investigators saw swelling on Suspect Novoa's left arm. IAB investigators did not see an abrasion or redness on Suspect Novoa's right cheek, nor did they see any lacerations to her bottom lip. A self-inflicted bite mark was visible on Suspect Novoa's left forearm. IAB investigators photographed Suspect Novoa's injuries **[Exhibit N]**.

WEAPONS USED BY DEPUTY PERSONNEL

None

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT

Suspect Novoa threw a Bible at Deputy [redacted] which struck his left eye. The Bible measured eight inches tall, one and one half inches thick, and five inches wide **[Exhibit O]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

None.

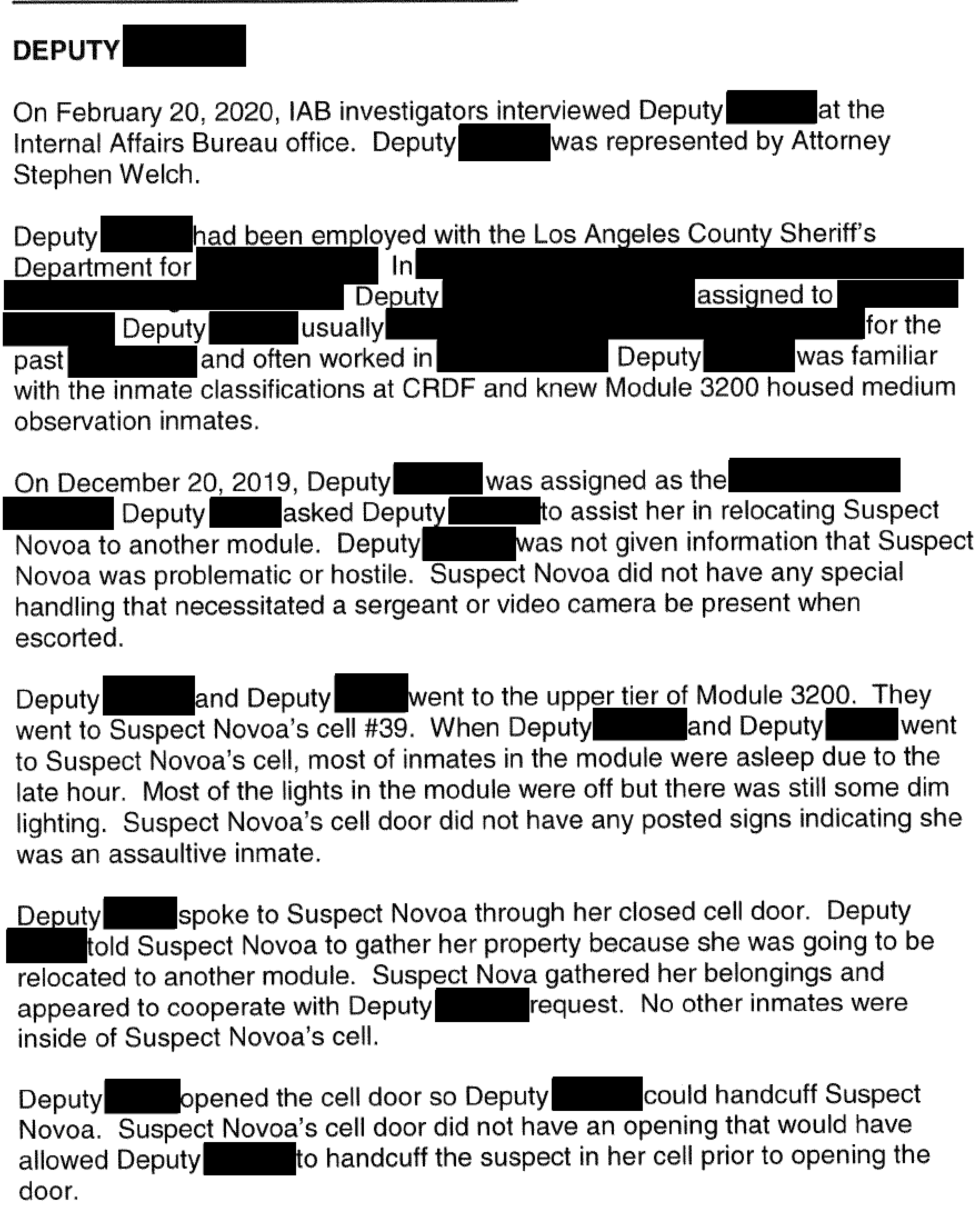
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION CHARGES

Investigator's Name:	Jail Investigations Unit, Detective Dontee Amos #[redacted]
Court:	Compton Superior Court
Charges:	243 (b) P.C.
Court Case Number:	0CS01673

Detective Amos submitted the criminal complaint to Compton Court, District Attorney's Office. Suspect Novoa was released from custody on February 13, 2020. Suspect Novoa has an outstanding arrest warrant for this case, issued on March 12, 2020 **[Miscellaneous Documents]**.

LIGHTING CONDITIONS

The jail facility was dimly lit by overhead florescent lights, due to the late night hour. The interior of the cell was lit by an overhead florescent light.



INVOLVED EMPLOYEES' STATEMENTS

DEPUTY [redacted]

On February 20, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy [redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Deputy [redacted] was represented by Attorney Stephen Welch.

Deputy [redacted] had been employed with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department for [redacted] In [redacted] Deputy [redacted] assigned to [redacted] Deputy [redacted] usually [redacted] for the past [redacted] and often worked in [redacted] Deputy [redacted] was familiar with the inmate classifications at CRDF and knew Module 3200 housed medium observation inmates.

On December 20, 2019, Deputy [redacted] was assigned as the [redacted] Deputy [redacted] asked Deputy [redacted] to assist her in relocating Suspect Novoa to another module. Deputy [redacted] was not given information that Suspect Novoa was problematic or hostile. Suspect Novoa did not have any special handling that necessitated a sergeant or video camera be present when escorted.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] went to the upper tier of Module 3200. They went to Suspect Novoa's cell #39. When Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] went to Suspect Novoa's cell, most of inmates in the module were asleep due to the late hour. Most of the lights in the module were off but there was still some dim lighting. Suspect Novoa's cell door did not have any posted signs indicating she was an assaultive inmate.

Deputy [redacted] spoke to Suspect Novoa through her closed cell door. Deputy [redacted] told Suspect Novoa to gather her property because she was going to be relocated to another module. Suspect Nova gathered her belongings and appeared to cooperate with Deputy [redacted] request. No other inmates were inside of Suspect Novoa's cell.

Deputy [redacted] opened the cell door so Deputy [redacted] could handcuff Suspect Novoa. Suspect Novoa's cell door did not have an opening that would have allowed Deputy [redacted] to handcuff the suspect in her cell prior to opening the door.

Suspect Novoa was at the threshold of the open cell door with her hands behind her back facing away from Deputy [redacted] Suspect Novoa had a Bible in one hand and a sock in her other hand. Deputy [redacted] was approximately two to three feet away from Suspect Novoa.

Without provocation, Suspect Novoa suddenly turned and threw the sock at Deputy [redacted] The sock struck Deputy [redacted] upper left leg, but he was not injured. Suspect Novoa also threw the Bible at Deputy [redacted] The Bible struck Deputy [redacted] between the bridge of his nose and his left eye, which caused him pain. Deputy [redacted] could not recall if Suspect Novoa said anything when she threw the objects at him.

Deputy [redacted] was directly in front of Suspect Novoa but he did not want to strike her. Deputy [redacted] did not want to take his eyes off Suspect Novoa to close the cell door. Deputy [redacted] did not want to expose himself to further threats in case Suspect Novoa had a weapon. Suspect Novoa was standing at the threshold of the door and would have been struck by the door if it had been closed. Deputy [redacted] decided to control Suspect Novoa's hands to prevent further assaults. Deputy [redacted] used his right hand to grab Suspect Novoa's right arm and his left hand to grab Suspect Novoa's left arm.

Suspect Novoa tried to kick Deputy [redacted] in the groin. Deputy [redacted] moved backward while holding onto Suspect Novoa's hands to avoid from being kicked. Suspect Novoa's foot grazed Deputy [redacted] pants but did not strike him. As Deputy [redacted] moved backward, Suspect Novoa moved forward out of her cell past the threshold.

Deputy [redacted] held Suspect Novoa's arms by her sides as she screamed and violently thrashed her shoulders and body from side to side. Deputy [redacted] was on the left side of Deputy [redacted] and placed her elbows behind Suspect Novoa's neck and applied pressure to control her. Deputy [redacted] did not recall which elbow Deputy [redacted] used. Deputy [redacted] broadcasted emergent radio traffic they were involved in a fight.

Deputy [redacted] told Deputy [redacted] to assist her and take Suspect Novoa to the floor. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] guided Suspect Novoa to the floor and controlled her movement. When Suspect Novoa was guided to the floor, she did not hit her head. Suspect Novoa was in a seated position with her torso upright and her feet out in front of her. Suspect Novoa was placed onto her side.

Deputy [redacted] controlled Suspect Novoa's left arm and Deputy [redacted] controlled Suspect Novoa's right arm. Deputy [redacted] was on the suspect's left side, and Deputy [redacted] was on the suspect's right side. Suspect Novoa continued to thrash her body from side to side, kicked her legs, and tried to break free from the deputies. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] gave Suspect Novoa commands to stop fighting but Suspect Novoa ignored their commands.

Deputy [redacted] placed a handcuff on Suspect Novoa's left wrist and placed it behind her back in a rear wristlock so Deputy [redacted] could secure the suspect in handcuffs. The rear wristlock Deputy [redacted] used on Suspect Novoa was the one [redacted] When Deputy [redacted] placed Suspect Novoa in a rear wristlock, he heard a "popping" sound. Suspect Novoa shouted, "Ah!" and became quiet and stopped kicking.

Deputy [redacted] believed Suspect Novoa suffered some type of arm injury, so he held her arm delicately for Deputy [redacted] to secure the suspect's right wrist in handcuffs. Suspect Novoa did not resist any further and became compliant. Deputy [redacted] disengaged from Suspect Novoa as Witness Chevalier and other deputies arrived to their location.

Witness Chevalier knelt down and maintained control of Suspect Novoa's legs. Other deputies arrived and placed Suspect Novoa in a WRAP restraint device. Suspect Novoa was not assaultive and was compliant. Suspect Novoa was taken to the CRDF medical clinic by non-involved personnel.

Deputy [redacted] estimated approximately one minute had passed from the time he was struck in the face with the Bible to the time Suspect Novoa was placed in handcuffs. Deputy [redacted] stated his intention was to use the least amount of force he could in order to secure Suspect Novoa in handcuffs.

Deputy [redacted] reported his use of force to Witness Anda. Witness Anda debriefed the incident, but Deputy [redacted] did not recall if he was part of the debriefing. Deputy [redacted] suffered redness to his face from being struck with the Bible. He was medically treated at U.S. HealthWorks.

DEPUTY [redacted]

On February 20, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Deputy [redacted] at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Deputy [redacted] was represented by her Attorney Stephen Welch.

Deputy [redacted] had been a deputy sheriff for four years. Upon [redacted] the [redacted] in [redacted] she was assigned to [redacted] She went to [redacted] at [redacted] and transferred to CRDF in October, 2018. In [redacted] Deputy [redacted] transferred to [redacted]

On December 20, 2019, Deputy [redacted] was assigned as the 3200 Module Deputy. She had worked as the 3200 module deputy for approximately two to three months as her regular assignment. Deputy [redacted] was aware the inmates located in Module 3200 were classified as medium observation inmates who had been classified as having some degree of mental illness. Deputy [redacted] did not know Suspect Novoa prior to the use of force.

When Deputy [redacted] began her shift at [redacted] hours, a female deputy who worked the prior shift in Module 3200 said Suspect Novoa had a pass to be transferred to a high observation location in Module 1400. Deputy [redacted] stated it was common for inmates in Module 3200 to be relocated to other modules after being re-classified as "high observation." Suspect Novoa was not classified to have a sergeant or video recorded escort. Suspect Novoa was not classified to wear a waist chain when escorted.

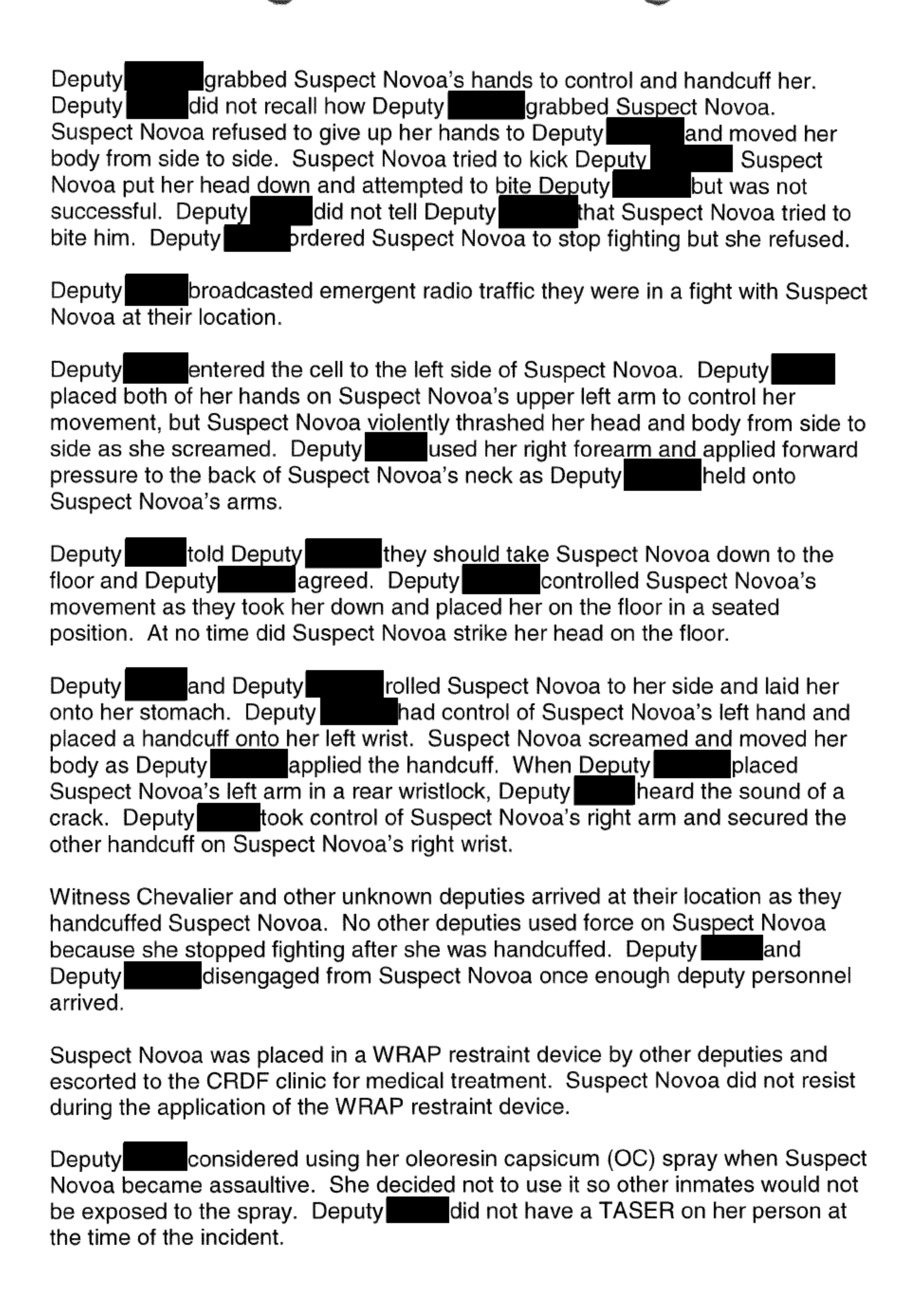
Deputy [redacted] notified Watch Sergeant Bass she would relocate Suspect Novoa after a wristband count was completed and cleared. Deputy [redacted] originally wanted another regularly assigned, [redacted] CRDF deputy to help her escort Suspect Novoa, because she did not know if Deputy [redacted] was familiar with CRDF procedures. Sergeant Bass told Deputy [redacted] to check with her floor supervisor, Senior Deputy Giovanni Picarella, #[redacted] to see if another, [redacted] deputy was available to assist her. Senior Deputy Picarella told Deputy [redacted] it was okay to have Deputy [redacted] assist her.

Deputy [redacted] called Module 1400 and notified them Suspect Novoa was going to be transferred to their module. Deputy [redacted] notified Deputy [redacted] they needed to transfer Suspect Novoa after the completion of wristband count. Deputy [redacted] asked Deputy [redacted] to retrieve a transport chair for Suspect Novoa to be transferred to another module. Deputy [redacted] placed a transport chair in Module 3200. Deputy [redacted] intended to place Suspect Novoa in the chair after she was escorted from the upper tier. Deputy [redacted] told Deputy [redacted] he would handcuff Suspect Novoa after she exited her cell.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] went to Suspect Novoa's cell, #39. Most of the lights in the module were off but there was some dim lighting. The cell light in Suspect Novoa's cell was on and her cell door was closed. No other inmates were in Suspect Novoa cell. A nurse, Witness Hu, was on the upper tier speaking to another inmate.

Deputy [redacted] told Suspect Novoa she was going to be transferred to another module and asked her to gather her property. Suspect Novoa said, "Okay" and gathered her property. Suspect Novoa did not appear upset and was compliant. Deputy [redacted] opened the cell door and she stood to the right side of Deputy [redacted] who was at the threshold of the opened door. Suspect Novoa was inside of her cell, but within arm's reach of both of them.

Suspect Novoa had a "blank stare" expression on her face and suddenly threw a sock and Bible at Deputy [redacted] The sock possibly struck Deputy [redacted] somewhere on his chest and the Bible struck Deputy [redacted] face. Suspect Novoa did not say anything when she threw the items at Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] did not know why Suspect Novoa became assaultive.



Deputy [redacted] grabbed Suspect Novoa's hands to control and handcuff her. Deputy [redacted] did not recall how Deputy [redacted] grabbed Suspect Novoa. Suspect Novoa refused to give up her hands to Deputy [redacted] and moved her body from side to side. Suspect Novoa tried to kick Deputy [redacted] Suspect Novoa put her head down and attempted to bite Deputy [redacted] but was not successful. Deputy [redacted] did not tell Deputy [redacted] that Suspect Novoa tried to bite him. Deputy [redacted] ordered Suspect Novoa to stop fighting but she refused.

Deputy [redacted] broadcasted emergent radio traffic they were in a fight with Suspect Novoa at their location.

Deputy [redacted] entered the cell to the left side of Suspect Novoa. Deputy [redacted] placed both of her hands on Suspect Novoa's upper left arm to control her movement, but Suspect Novoa violently thrashed her head and body from side to side as she screamed. Deputy [redacted] used her right forearm and applied forward pressure to the back of Suspect Novoa's neck as Deputy [redacted] held onto Suspect Novoa's arms.

Deputy [redacted] told Deputy [redacted] they should take Suspect Novoa down to the floor and Deputy [redacted] agreed. Deputy [redacted] controlled Suspect Novoa's movement as they took her down and placed her on the floor in a seated position. At no time did Suspect Novoa strike her head on the floor.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] rolled Suspect Novoa to her side and laid her onto her stomach. Deputy [redacted] had control of Suspect Novoa's left hand and placed a handcuff onto her left wrist. Suspect Novoa screamed and moved her body as Deputy [redacted] applied the handcuff. When Deputy [redacted] placed Suspect Novoa's left arm in a rear wristlock, Deputy [redacted] heard the sound of a crack. Deputy [redacted] took control of Suspect Novoa's right arm and secured the other handcuff on Suspect Novoa's right wrist.

Witness Chevalier and other unknown deputies arrived at their location as they handcuffed Suspect Novoa. No other deputies used force on Suspect Novoa because she stopped fighting after she was handcuffed. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] disengaged from Suspect Novoa once enough deputy personnel arrived.

Suspect Novoa was placed in a WRAP restraint device by other deputies and escorted to the CRDF clinic for medical treatment. Suspect Novoa did not resist during the application of the WRAP restraint device.

Deputy [redacted] considered using her oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray when Suspect Novoa became assaultive. She decided not to use it so other inmates would not be exposed to the spray. Deputy [redacted] did not have a TASER on her person at the time of the incident.

Deputy [redacted] reported the use of force she used and witnessed to Witness Anda. Witness Anda debriefed the incident with her and other deputy personnel. Deputy [redacted] was not injured during the incident.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

WITNESS CHEVALIER

On February 12, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness Chevalier at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. Witness Chevalier had been a deputy sheriff for approximately one year and had been assigned to CRDF after [redacted] from the [redacted] in [redacted]

On December 20, 2019, Deputy Chevalier was assigned as the Module 3100 deputy. She heard a deputy broadcast emergent radio traffic they were involved in a fight. The radio traffic was not clear and she was unsure if the disturbance was in Module 3200 or a different module. Deputy Chevalier responded to Module 3200 and saw Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] struggling with Suspect Novoa on the floor outside of cell #39 on the upper tier. Deputy Chevalier was the first deputy to arrive. The lights in the module were off due to the late hour. Deputy Chevalier did not use her flashlight but could see well enough to make out Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] and Suspect Novoa.

Deputy Chevalier broadcasted radio traffic to let other deputies know the exact location of the disturbance. Suspect Novoa was shouting but Deputy Chevalier could not understand what she saying. Deputy [redacted] was positioned to the right of Suspect Novoa and Deputy [redacted] was behind the suspect. Suspect Novoa struggled with Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] by moving her arms erratically and thrusting her body forward as Deputy [redacted] tried to control and handcuff her.

Deputy Chevalier heard a popping sound as Suspect Novoa lunged away from Deputy [redacted] Suspect Novoa laid on her stomach and stopped struggling. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] handcuffed Suspect Novoa.

Deputy Chevalier placed her right shin on Suspect Novoa's left hip and placed her left hand on the center of Suspect Novoa's back to secure her in place, in case she continued to fight. Suspect Novoa did not become combative or resistive when Deputy Chevalier placed her shin and hand on her. Deputy Samaniego Sevilla, Deputy Villareal, and several other deputies arrived on the upper tier of Module 3200 to assist.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] disengaged from Suspect Novoa. Deputy Chevalier assisted Deputy Samaniego Sevilla and placed the leg restraints of the WRAP restraint device on Suspect Novoa. Deputy Villareal secured the ankle straps of the WRAP on Suspect Novoa. Suspect Novoa was compliant when the

WRAP restraint device was placed on her. No additional deputies used force on Suspect Novoa.

An escort team comprised of uninvolved deputies escorted Suspect Novoa to the CRDF medical clinic for treatment. Deputy Chevalier was not involved in the escort.

Deputy Chevalier reported her use of force to Sergeant Anda. Sergeant Anda debriefed the incident with involved deputy personnel.

WITNESS SAMANIEGO SEVILLA

On February 26, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness Samaniego Sevilla at CRDF. Witness Samaniego Sevilla had been a deputy sheriff for five months and was assigned to CRDF. On December 20, 2019, Witness Samaniego Sevilla was assigned as the Module 1300 deputy.

Witness Samaniego Sevilla heard emergent radio traffic broadcasted of a deputy involved in a fight in Module 3200. Witness Samaniego Sevilla ran to Module 3200. It took her approximately two to three minutes to arrive at the location.

When she arrived, she saw Suspect Novoa on the floor surrounded by several deputies who were holding her down. Suspect Novoa was not resistive or assaultive but screamed "Devil" repeatedly.

Witness Samaniego Sevilla saw Witness Villareal place a hobble restraint on Suspect Novoa's ankles. Witness Samaniego Sevilla assisted Witness Chevalier and placed the leg restraint and locking shoulder harness of the WRAP restraint device on Suspect Novoa. At no time did Suspect Novoa resist in the application of the hobble restraint or the WRAP restraint device.

Several uninvolved deputies escorted Suspect Novoa to the CRDF medical clinic for treatment.

WITNESS VILLARREAL

On February 26, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness Villarreal at CRDF. Witness Villarreal had been a deputy sheriff for approximately two years and was assigned to CRDF.

On December 20, 2019, Deputy Villarreal was assigned to Module 2400. Witness Villarreal heard emergent radio traffic of a deputy involved in a fight, and responded to Module 3200 and arrived in approximately one and a half minutes. Suspect Novoa was on the floor lying on her chest. Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] and Witness Chevalier were present. Suspect Novoa was not assaultive and appeared compliant.

Witness Villarreal applied a hobble restraint on Suspect Novoa's ankles to secure her legs. Witness Villarreal assisted Witness Chevalier in applying the WRAP restraint device on Suspect Novoa. Suspect Novoa did not offer any resistance in the application of the hobble restraint or the WRAP restraint device.

Witness Villarreal did not witness force.

WITNESS CALDERA

On February 26, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness Caldera at CRDF. Witness Caldera had been a deputy sheriff for approximately two years and was assigned to CRDF.

On December 20, 2019, Deputy Caldera was assigned to Module 1400. Witness Caldera heard emergent radio traffic of a deputy involved in a fight, and responded to Module 3200 and arrived in approximately two to three minutes. When he arrived he turned the module lights on went to the upper tier.

Suspect Novoa was not fighting and was already handcuffed. There were several deputies already on the upper tier before Witness Caldera arrived. Witness Caldera assisted deputies in securing Suspect Novoa's legs in the WRAP restraint device. Suspect Novoa did not resist the application of the WRAP restraint device. Witness Caldera did not witness any force.

WITNESS ANDA

On February 26, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness Anda at CRDF. Witness Anda had been employed with LASD for nineteen years and had been a sergeant assigned to CRDF for approximately one and a half years.

On December 20, 2019, Witness Anda was assigned as the East Tower Sergeant. Witness Anda was not aware of any prior incidents involving Suspect Novoa.

Witness Anda stated the inmates housed in Module 3200 suffered from mental illness but were able to function normally to some degree. A sergeant was not required to be present when Suspect Novoa had to be relocated. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] followed procedures when they opened Suspect Novoa's cell door and asked her to turn around to be handcuffed.

Witness Anda stated the movement pass to relocate Suspect Novoa was generated by a clinician from Correctional Health Services at CRDF. Witness Anda received an email from Psychiatric Social Worker Shanna Swasey, who was assigned to CRDF, which showed a movement pass for Suspect Novoa on December 20, 2019, at 2119 hours **[Exhibit P]**. The email showed Suspect Novoa was to be relocated to a high observation housing unit.

IAB NOTE: IAB investigators were unable to locate Suspect Novoa's original movement pass that was requested by CRDF clinicians.

Inmates in high observation locations had severe mental illness, wore suicide gowns, and deputies conducted welfare checks every fifteen minutes.

Witness Anda responded to Module 3200 regarding a use of force. Witness Anda responded to the upper tier of Module 3200. When she arrived, she saw Suspect Novoa face down on the floor. She directed deputies to place Suspect Novoa in a WRAP restraint device because she had been assaultive. Witness Anda stated the WRAP restraint device secured and limited an inmate's movement to prevent assaults during transport. The WRAP restraint device consisted of a leg restraint and shoulder harness. Suspect Novoa was compliant and offered no resistance in the application of the WRAP restraint device.

Suspect Novoa was escorted to the CRDF medical clinic by Sergeant Bass and another team of uninvolved deputies. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] reported their use of force to her. Witness Anda did not observe any use of force.

WITNESS HU

On March 9, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness Hu at her residence. Witness Hu was a nurse assigned to CRDF.

On December 20, 2019, at approximately 2300 hours, Witness Hu went to the upper tier of Module 3200 to contact an inmate regarding a medical refusal form.

Witness Hu saw a male and female deputy speaking to a different inmate on the upper tier. Witness Hu stated it looked like the deputies "were busy" with the other inmate so she left the upper tier.

Witness Hu stated she did not witness any deputies use force on an inmate.

WITNESS [redacted]

On December 21, 2019, Sergeant Anda and Senior Deputy Picarella interviewed Witness [redacted] at CRDF. Witness [redacted] stated she was in her cell next to Suspect Novoa. Suspect Novoa had been "acting wildly" earlier that day. Witness [redacted] stated she did not see Suspect Novoa throw anything at deputies, however it sounded like Suspect Nova threw something or tried to fight with deputies. Witness [redacted] stated the deputies handled the situation with Suspect Novoa in a mature manner.

On December 21, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] at CRDF Witness [redacted] told IAB investigators she was asleep on her bunk inside of her

cell. No other inmates were inside of her cell, and her cell door was shut. She awoke when she heard someone screaming profanities. Witness [redacted] believed she heard the sound of a book falling, which she described as a "boom."

Witness [redacted] stood up inside of her cell and looked through the cell door window. Witness [redacted] saw approximately five deputies "forcing themselves" onto Suspect Novoa because she was "wrestling back." Suspect Novoa was on the floor when Witness [redacted] looked through her cell window. Witness [redacted] believed the female deputies were holding Suspect Novoa's legs down, but she could not see clearly through her cell.

Witness [redacted] heard a deputy tell Suspect Novoa, "be quiet" and gave some type of warning. Witness [redacted] could not recall specifically what was said. Witness [redacted] did not see deputies hurt, punch, or beat Suspect Novoa.

WITNESS [redacted]

CRDF INTERVIEW

On December 21, 2019, Sergeant Anda and Senior Deputy Picarella interviewed Witness [redacted] at CRDF.

Witness [redacted] stated she was asleep inside of her cell and woke up when she heard several deputies running up the stairs. Witness [redacted] heard an unknown person say, "I'm not the devil. I love you all."

IAB INTERVIEW

On December 21, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] at CRDF. Witness [redacted] stated she was asleep on her bunk in Module 3200, cell #41, when she awoke to loud screaming.

Witness [redacted] looked out her cell door window and saw approximately ten deputies run up the stairs. Suspect Novoa was already on the floor when Witness [redacted] looked out of her cell window. Witness [redacted] did not see Suspect Novoa taken to the floor or handcuffed.

Witness [redacted] heard a deputy tell Suspect Novoa to stop resisting. Suspect Novoa told the deputies she was not the devil and loved them all. She did not see any deputy hit or kick Suspect Novoa. Witness [redacted] stated the deputies "Were doing their job."

WITNESS [redacted]

CRDF INTERVIEW

On December 21, 2019, Sergeant Anda and Senior Deputy Picarella interviewed Witness [redacted] at CRDF. Witness [redacted] stated she saw a Bible thrown at a female deputy. Witness [redacted] also heard Suspect Novoa shout something about the devil and not killing her.

IAB INTERVIEW

On December 21, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] at CRDF. Witness [redacted] stated she was in Module 3200, cell #40, which was directly to the left of Suspect Novoa's cell.

Witness [redacted] was standing at her cell door looking out the door window. She saw two deputies in the process of relocating Suspect Novoa. Suspect Novoa's cell door was closed until she was ready to leave her cell. One of the deputies opened Suspect Novoa's cell door. Witness [redacted] saw a Bible thrown at the female deputy and hit her in the chest. Suspect Novoa told the deputies they would not kill her.

After the Bible was thrown, both deputies went inside Suspect Novoa's cell to restrain her. Witness [redacted] saw both deputies take Suspect Novoa to the floor. Suspect Novoa was on the floor with one handcuff attached to one of her wrists. A male deputy, Deputy [redacted] was able to handcuff and secure Suspect Novoa while she was on the floor. Witness [redacted] said it took the deputies about thirty seconds to secure Suspect Novoa in handcuffs after the Bible was thrown at them.

Witness [redacted] heard deputies order Suspect Novoa numerous times to stop moving and stop fighting. After Suspect Novoa was handcuffed, about ten deputies arrived. No deputies hit or kicked Suspect Novoa.

WITNESS [redacted]

On February 18, 2020, IAB investigators interviewed Witness [redacted] at CRDF. Witness [redacted] was an inmate in Module 3200. Witness [redacted] was on her bunk inside of her cell, which is on the lower tier in Module 3200, trying to fall asleep.

Witness [redacted] heard Suspect Novoa scream that she did not want to be touched. Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Novoa and about six deputies on the upper tier of the module. Witness [redacted] looked away but she heard deputies order Suspect Novoa to put her hands behind her back. Witness [redacted] heard Suspect Novoa yell things she could not understand. Witness [redacted] did not witness anything further.

SUSPECT STATEMENT

On December 21, 2019, IAB investigators interviewed Suspect Novoa at LAC+USC Medical Center.

Suspect Novoa admitted she threw her belongings at the deputies when they opened up her cell door. Suspect Novoa stated, "When I assumed that they had come to basically complete the job that they had felt their heart's desire to do. Yes. I'm saying the object to which I threw was, were the things, were the belongings they had told me to gather as they were going to take them from my hands anyways to put my hands in cuffs to arrest me" **[Suspect Novoa's first interview transcripts, page 2]**. Suspect Novoa stated her left arm was injured.

Suspect Novoa stated her name was "The Truth." She was unable to answer most questions in a cohesive and rational manner. Suspect Novoa could not give a clear answer when asked if she suffered from mental illness or consumed drugs. IAB investigator's suspended Suspect Novoa's interview for another date **[Suspect Novoa's first interview transcripts, pages 1 through 4]**.

IAB investigators re-interviewed Suspect Novoa at CRDF on December 23, 2019. Suspect Novoa requested to be called "Elias" during the interview.

Suspect Novoa stated she recalled two deputies entered her cell on December 21, 2019, to relocate her. Suspect Novoa stated she was alone in her cell when the two deputies arrived. Suspect Novoa did not know why the deputies were going to relocated her, but they asked her to gather her belongings.

Suspect Novoa had the impression the deputies were being "mind controlled" and there was an "outside force" pressuring them to kill her **[Suspect Novoa's second interview transcripts, page 3]**. Suspect Novoa walked toward her open cell door and threw papers, possibly a Bible, and a sock filled with baby powder at the two deputies. Suspect Novoa was about seven feet away from the deputies. Suspect Novoa stated she was not sure what triggered her to throw the objects at the deputies but she was worried and frustrated she was going to be relocated.

Suspect Novoa stated she heard voices in her head and began to fight with the voices. Suspect Novoa said two deputies were at her cell and tried to handcuff her. For reasons unknown, Suspect Novoa began to bite her own left arm. Suspect Novoa stated she struggled but did not fight with the two deputies. She did not recall if deputies gave her orders to place her hands behind her back.

Suspect Novoa stated she voluntarily laid on the floor after she heard one of the deputies say they were going to take her down. Deputy [redacted] grabbed her left arm and intentionally broke it.

Suspect Novoa stated the deputies broke her arm before they tried to handcuff her **[Suspect Novoa's second interview transcripts, page 5]**.

Suspect Novoa had never been clinically diagnosed with mental illness. Suspect Novoa had a history of methamphetamine and Lysergic Acid Diethylamide (LSD) use. Suspect Novoa stated she should be considered "clinically insane" due to the amount of LSD she consumed in her lifetime. Suspect Novoa was not under the influence of any alcohol or drugs during the use of force incident.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB investigators reviewed video surveillance footage which partially captured the use of force incident **[Exhibit M]**. Most of the module lights were off and the cell doors on the upper tier were closed. A column on the upper tier obstructed the direct view of cell #39. The video surveillance contained no audio.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] went to the upper tier of Module 3200 at 23:26:14 hours and contacted Suspect Novoa in cell #39. The cell door was closed. Deputy [redacted] stood directly in front of cell#39 as Deputy [redacted] stood to her right. At 23:28:51 hours, Witness Hu arrived and began to speak to someone in a cell to the right side of where Deputy [redacted] stood. Deputy [redacted] opened Suspect Novoa's cell at 23:29:56 hours.

Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] appeared to reposition themselves directly in front of the open cell door. Witness Hu left the tier at 23:30:20 as Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] came in and out of the view of the camera. Deputy [redacted] Deputy [redacted] and Suspect Novoa appeared outside of cell #39 on the upper tier. Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] sat Suspect Novoa on the floor and used control holds as they struggled with Suspect Novoa.

Witness Chevalier arrived to the upper tier at 23:31:28 hours. Suspect Novoa lunged forward as Deputy [redacted] and Deputy [redacted] handcuffed her. Suspect Novoa laid on her stomach and Deputy [redacted] disengaged. Witness Chevalier crouched down next to Suspect Novoa as several other deputies arrived and surrounded Suspect Novoa.

Witness Anda arrived with several other deputies at 23:33:20 hours as the module lights were turned on. One of the deputies carried a WRAP restraint device but the application of the WRAP restraint device could not be clearly seen. Suspect Novoa was taken down the stairs and placed in a transport chair at 23:38:04 hours, and taken to the CRDF medical clinic.

A hand held video recording of the post use of force application of the WRAP restraint device, and the escort of Suspect Novoa to the CRDF clinic was viewed by IAB investigators **[Exhibit Q]**. No further use of force occurred during the application of the WRAP restraint device and the escort of Suspect Novoa.

IAB investigators viewed the LASD Automated Jail Information System (AJIS) and discovered Suspect Novoa had a special classification of "M" which indicated she suffered from mental illness. Suspect Novoa did not have any special handle that required a waist chains, a sergeant or video escort, when she was escorted **[Exhibit R]**.

A DVD containing audio files of interviews and video of Suspect Novoa's interview are in **Miscellaneous Documents**.